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(54) **Melt blowing method for forming a fibrous layered web of filter media, melt blowing apparatus and a layered filter media web product**

(57) A method, die apparatus and product wherein a layered web of melt blown fibrous filter media is produced by a unitary die including several die sources with facing layers of the fibrous filter media being attenuated

by opposed fluid streams at preselected included angles and with the fiber layers being free from bonding together and with the fibers in each layer being minimally bonded

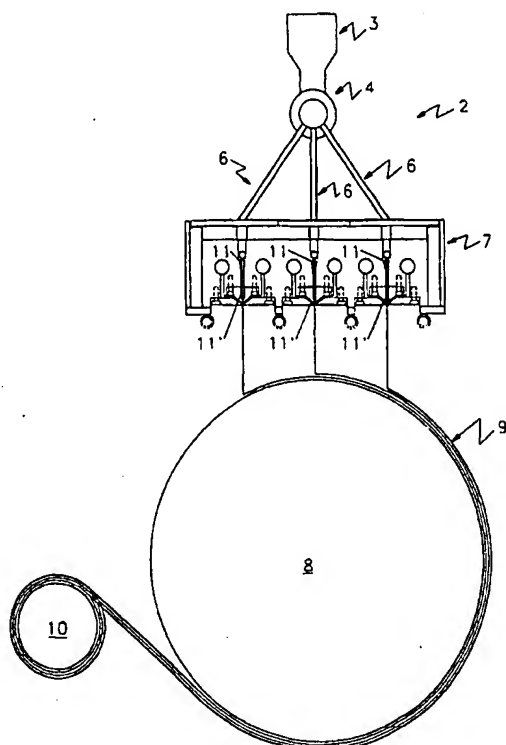


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